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Jordan

In a series of royal decrees broadcast by Amman television, King Husayn dissolved the old Senate and appointed a new one, reconvened the dissolved House of Representatives, and called Parliament as a whole to meet on 16 January. Another decree reported by the television appointed former Foreign Minister Marwan Sidqi al-Qasim chief of the Royal Hashemite Court. Meanwhile, the new Cabinet under Prime Minister Ahmad 'Ubaydat held its first session to discuss the Parliament's working plan, according to Amman radio.

In another development, Fatah Central Committee member Salah Khalaf in a telephone statement to the Kuwait paper *AL-WATAN* characterized the new government and its amendment of the Constitution as "political, not organizational," and asserted that Jordan's moves "do not harm the Palestinian representation." Khalaf also confirmed that a senior Palestinian delegation will visit Jordan soon to acquaint King Husayn with the Palestinian stand. According to *AD-DUSTUR*, Khalil al-Wazir is expected in Amman on 15 January for meetings of the Jordanian-Palestinian committee scheduled to begin the following day.

PLO Affairs

PFLP, Fatah Dissident Statements — The PFLP, in a statement issued in Damascus after its Central Committee's session, condemned PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat's visit to Cairo as a "calculated step aimed at preparing the PLO to enter the U.S. settlement plan," Radio Monte Carlo reported. The statement called for the formation of the broadest possible Palestinian front, including "all the national factions," to confront the line of "deviation and capitulation," and charged that 'Arafat's visit deprives him of the right to lead the PLO.

Earlier, in a speech at Nahr al-Barid camp in Lebanon reported by the Beirut paper *AS-SAFIR*, Fatah dissident leader Colonel Sa'id Musa Muragha said his forces will not give up their presence in Lebanon because they intend to fight Israel and consider that "the only means for achieving victories is the gun."

Fatah Revolutionary Council — The Fatah Revolutionary Council ended its meetings in Tunis and issued a statement expressing confidence in 'Arafat but stressing that he must pursue rapprochement with Egypt and Jordan only "within certain limits," Radio Monte Carlo reported. The council approved the Fatah Central Committee's stand toward 'Arafat's visit to Cairo and on the issue of relations with Egypt, SPA disclosed.

Syria

President Hafiz al-Asad received Moroccan Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Abdelouahid Belkeziz, who delivered a message from King Hassan II concerning the forthcoming Islamic summit conference, Damascus radio reported. Syria agreed to participate in the summit and will send a delegation headed by Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, Radio Monte Carlo said. Meanwhile, Khaddam held talks with British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, who arrived in Syria after holding talks with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal in Riyadh, according to Damascus radio and SPA.

In another development, Radio Monte Carlo quoted the Syrian daily *ATH-THAWRAH*'s sharp attack on King Husayn's latest moves, asserting that they will turn Jordan into "an Israeli protectorate" and a stage for anti-Syrian plots. Describing the new Jordanian position as "more threatening" to the Arabs than the Camp David accords, *ATH-THAWRAH* said Syria will not tolerate the appearance of a "new As-Sadat" on its southern borders and will take "appropriate measures" to prevent this.

Lebanon

Lebanese Army positions came under fire and there were clashes in several areas of Beirut, according to Beirut radio, which also reported a bomb explosion 50 meters from the French Embassy, causing material damage. Another bomb was discovered and defused. Meanwhile, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported that, according to "security sources," a bomb-laden truck now in the city's southern suburb will be used for a "terrorist operation." Elsewhere in the country Iranians and Islamic Amal Movement fighters vacated positions in Ba'labakk in the wake of an "escalation of popular wrath" against them, Voice of Lebanon radio stated. In the south, Israeli forces opened the Al-Awwali River crossings to "free traffic," no longer demanding the presentation of crossing permits, according to Jerusalem radio, but Beirut radio later reported the crossings closed on 12 January. An IDF spokesman cited by the radio said that a new terminal under construction and special check and control procedures will allow security forces at the crossings to "more efficiently spot" materials for sabotage and warfare.

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Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, in comments reported by Tehran radio, stated that chemical weapons used by Iraq against Iranian forces were supplied by the British Government. He warned "all arrogant enemies" of Iran that "their hostile policies will not be unanswered."

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Baghdad PLO Radio on Revolutionary Council Meetings

JN111150 Baghdad Voice of PLO in Arabic 1540 GMT 10 Jan 84

[Radio correspondent dispatch from Tunis]

[Text] The Fatah Revolutionary Council will meet in Tunis today. This is the first meeting following the second departure from Lebanon that was the result of the Syrian decision to prevent the Palestinian revolution's forces from confronting the Zionist enemy. The Revolutionary Council's meeting was preceded by a PLO Executive Committee meeting in the presence of brother leader Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat] and under his chairmanship, and in the absence of some of the Palestinian factions' representatives who submitted to the Syrian and Libyan pressures, paid the price of their leaders presence in Damascus, or linked themselves with the Syrian policy.

It is known that a Fatah Central Committee meeting preceded the PLO Executive Committee meeting. The Fatah Central Committee has issued its statement which determined the general policy, the Fatah Movement's programs, and the Palestinian revolution's march in its struggle against the Zionist enemy and the enemies of the Palestinian people.

The meeting of the Fatah Revolutionary Council, which is the highest authority in the Fatah movement, has an agenda full of important and fateful issues that the Fatah movement will implement to serve the Palestinian revolution's march and to promote its struggle in all fields and on all levels.

The Revolutionary Council will discuss the organizational situation and the situation of the Palestinian military forces that are present in many Arab countries. The Council will also discuss the information action of the Palestinian revolution, the means to promote this action, especially after the Tripoli battle, and the support for the Palestinian media. The Fatah Revolutionary Council will also discuss brother leader Abu 'Ammar's visit to Cairo and his talks with Egyptian President Husni Mubarak. In addition to this, the Fatah Revolutionary Council will decide the issue of dealing with the traitor dissidents and take practical measures against the dissidents and those organziations that supported them — organizations that are linked with the officials Syrian circles — such as the PFLP-GC, As-Sa'iqah, and other groups that called themselves the opposition forces while in fact they are controlled by the Syrian regime, especially since some of their leaders have put themselves up as an alternative to the legitimate Palestinian institutions and attempted to ignore their resolutions. We mean, in addition to Jibril and As-Sa'iqah, there are some fronts whose leaders dared not arrive in Tripoli, accepted to follow the Syrian method in expressing their stands and ignored the norms of our democratic arena.

The meetings of the Fatah Central Committee, The PLO Executive Committee, the Palestinian revolution's Higher Military Council, the Fatah Revolutionary Council today, and the PNC in the near future, all the meetings of the Fatah organizational frameworks and institutions, and all the meetings of the Palestinian revolution's factions have frustrated the hopes of all those who deviated from the Palestinian national consensus and confirmed to the world that the doors of the Palestinian house are always open for any one who is concerned about the national and pan-Arab stand. The Palestinian house is also open for all those who accuse it on false bases or due to their submission to some regimes' desires — regimes that possess only their statements and comments with which to confront the enemy and reject the U.S. policy. Our people have realized that these statements and comments are false and that those who make them are traitors who betrayed the Palestinian cause, relinquished the Arab land in the Golan Heights and southern Lebanon to the Zionist enemy, and allowed a U.S. hegemony over their stands and decisions.

The Palestinian masses inside and outside the occupied territory and the Arab masses, out of their realization that Fatah is the pillar of the Palestinian revolution, its political and military power, and the guarantee for its independent decisionmaking,are looking forward to the Fatah Revolutionary Council meetings with confidence and hope. The Council's statement at the conclusion of its meetings will reflect that Fatah will continue to abide by the continuation of the revolution, the entrenchment of the armed struggle against the enemy, and the political struggle with all its dimensions as a revolution's course in order to achieve the objectives of this people in determining their destiny and establishing their independent state under their sole and legitimate representative, the PLO.

Resolution Adopted

NC120906 Paris AFP in English 0854 GMT 12 Jan 84

[By Abdelhamid Magouri]

[Text] Tunis, Jan 12 (AFP) — Yasir 'Arafat managed to emerge all but unscathed today from his much-criticized visit last month to Cairo, as his faction of the PLO's divided Fatah movement renewed its confidence in the PLO leader while implicitly seeking to set limits to his initiatives with Egypt and Jordan.

In addition, a resolution approved last night at the end of a Fatah Revolutionary Council meeting here contained new, harsh condemnations of the dissidents within Fatah, who forced Mr. 'Arafat's loyalists out of Tripoli, Lebanon last month.

The measure by the Revolutionary Council, which serves as an intermediary between Fatah's Central Committee leadership and its general membership, offered no conciliatory message that might be aimed at resolving the split within the Palestine Liberation Organization's rank and file.

Indeed, it reaffirmed the decision two months ago to exclude 10 dissident leaders, and repeated a blanket attack on Syria and Libya.

Thus, the resolution appeared to back Mr. 'Arafat's line almost completely. Concerning his meeting in Cairo last December 22 with Egypt's president, Husni Mubarak, the Revolutionary Council simply "affirmed its accord" with a Fatah Central Committee meeting January 5 in Tunis.

At that meeting, the Central Committee implicitly agreed with the 'Arafat explanation that he was seeking a way to bring Egypt

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Rabat Foreign Ministers Conference Concludes

13 Jan Morning Session

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[Text] The Islamic foreign ministers conference, which is preparing the ground for the fourth Islamic summit conference, resumed its meetings in Rabat this morning. The conferees held a closed session under the chairmanship of Moroccan Foreign Minister Dr Abdelouahid Belkeziz. They also held a meeting within the framework of the economic and finance affairs committee under the chairmanship of Moroccan Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Azzedine Guessous. This committee discussed some of the items on the agenda concerning coordination among the Islamic countries in the implementation of development projects and programs in the fields of agriculture, industry and trade.

The cultural affairs committee also met this morning under the chairmanship of Moroccan Minister of Cultural Affairs Dr Azzedine Laraki. It discussed scientific and cultural cooperation among the Islamic countries and the bolstering of institutions working in these fields.

The general meeting this morning discussed Afghanistan and the problems of drought in the African Sahel region.

Following the meeting, the secretary general of the Islamic Conference Organization [ICO] made the following statement in which he said: [Begin recording] The foreign ministers resumed their meetings this morning. They began to discuss the items on the agenda, including Afghanistan. Several delegates spoke during the deliberations. All supported our Afghan brothers in their struggle to safeguard their independence. They also supported the Islamic position which calls for unconditional and urgent withdrawal of Russian forces from Afghanistan.

The Pakistani delegate then proposed a draft resolution in this regard. The conference approved it. The draft resolution was actually proposed by the Pakistani foreign minister.

The conference then discussed the drought in the African Sahel region. Several delegates spoke in support of the work of the committee which provides relief to the Sahel countries. The speakers called on Islamic countries to help the committee to enable it to help our brothers in the Sahel. Here, too, a draft resolution was proposed and was approved. [end recording]

The conference will resume its general meeting this afternoon.

We have learned from sources at the conference that a drafting committee has been formed to conciliate between a draft resolution submitted by Syria and another submitted by Palestine concerning the Middle East and Palestine. The committee consists of the delegates of Jordan, Lebanon, Senegal, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia and Morocco. The conference decided to add Morocco's name to the Committee of Solidarity With the Peoples of the Sahel Countries.

The general session will be resumed at 1600 today.

Meanwhile, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal held talks with his YAR counterpart, Dr Ahmad al-Asbahi, on the items on the conference agenda.

It was announced in Tunisia that President Habib Bourguiba will attend the meetings of the fourth Islamic summit conference. This was announced by Ahmed Reda Guerira, adviser to King Hassan II, following an audience he had today with the Tunisian president. He pointed out that King Hassan II sent him to Tunisia to renew the invitation to his brother President Habib Bourguiba.

Iraq-Iran War Draft Approved

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[Text] The political committee set up by the Islamic foreign ministers' conference has approved a draft solution on the Iraqi-Iranian war. The draft resolution, to be presented to the fourth Islamic summit in Casablanca, takes previous resolutions into consideration and calls for the continuation of efforts aimed at ending this war. This was stated to reporters by Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Islamic Conference Organization, at the end of the committee's 3-hour evening session, during which another draft resolution concerning the island of Mayotte was approved.

The committee also decided to present the document on human rights in Islam to the fourth Islamic summit in Casablanca.

The political committee is scheduled to reconvene for a night session to continue discussion of the various points remaining on its agenda. The cultural and social committee and the economic and financial committee met this afternoon [words indistinct].

Resolution on Afghanistan

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[Excerpts] Rabat, 13 Jan (KUNA) — Islamic foreign ministers ended their closed meeting this morning. It was held at committee level, at which a number of political, economic and cultural issues were discussed.

It was learned from sources at the conference that the Pakistani foreign minister submitted a draft resolution supporting the Afghan cause for admission to the fourth Islamic summit conference scheduled to open in Casablanca on Monday, 16 January.

A KUNA correspondent has learned that Libya, Syria and the PDRY made reservations about the draft resolution on Afghanistan, which is based on the same resolution adopted at the Dhaka conference.

Sources at the conference said that this evening's foreign ministers' session will be devoted to the Gulf war. They added that the general tendency at the conference tends to favor the revival of the Islamic good-offices committee after a change of its compositon to include new members. The sources added that it is unlikely that the conference will pass a resolution denouncing Iran so as to maintain an atmosphere favorable for the good-

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Islamic Summit Conference Opens in Casablanca

Vice Chairmen Elected

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[Text] Casablanca, Jan 16 (KUNA) — The Islamic summit here Monday night chose three vice-chairmen to deputize for the summit's chairman and host King Hassan of Morocco. The vice-chairmen were Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, PLO chairman Yasir 'Arafat and Turkish President Kenan Evren. They were unanimously elected by the preparatory meeting which preceded the formal opening session of the summit.

Saudi King Opens Summit

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[Speech by Saudi King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz opening the Islamic summit in Casablanca — live]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. With the blessings of God we declare the session open.

Noble brothers, the leaders of the Islamic nation, I greet you with the greetings of Islam, and from the cradle of divine inspiration I bring you the greetings of Muslims, and a sincere prayer that Almighty God will lead your meeting along the path of good and success, and make all your actions serve His cause.

Since the holy Mecca conference we have performed well — thanks be to God for His guidance — in the domain of economic cooperation. We have drawn up programs and plans, and created bodies to implement them. Now we have to move forward and continue this good march so that its good results may continue and so the Islamic nation may benefit.

Brothers, in the political domain, as in other domains, the Islamic nation and its leaders followed the line defined by the holy Mecca declaration. This enabled the Islamic nation to stand forcefully in the face of the enemies who lay in wait for it. On the other hand, Zionist aggression against our sanctities and lands continues.

At a time when Israel continues its aggressive acts in the occupied lands, its occupation of Lebanon, and its attacks against the Arab nation, the 12th Arab summit conference in Fes bore a historic responsibility. It agreed to an Arab peace plan which consists of the objectives and principles we hope will bring peace, security and stability to the Middle East region; it proceeds from a firm faith in the capability of this nation to achieve its objectives and eliminate the threat of Zionist aggression.

On this basis, we reaffirm to the international community at large, particularly to the states that support and back Israel, that if peace is to be established in the Middle East, action must be taken to carry out the Arab peace plan; to guarantee the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to set up their own independent state under the leadership of the PLO, their sole legitimate representative; and to achieve the Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands. Measures must also be taken to deter repeated Zionist aggression.

A matter that gives rise to confidence is the positive responseand wide support accorded the Arab peace plan internationally, which was manifested in particular following the contacts made by the seven-member committee formed by the Arab summit conference to contact the permanent members of the Security Council to explain the aims of the Arab peace plan in an effort to achieve a positive result.

We again stress that peace, security and stability will not be established in the Middle East or the world unless there is total withdrawal from occupied Arab territory — foremost holy Jerusalem — and there is total recognition of the inalienable and legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination on their own soil and the establishment of their own independent state. We cannot proceed on the path of a peaceful solution unless the original champion of the cause and the basic side to the conflict — namely the Palestinian people, under the leadership of the PLO, their sole legitimate representative — takes part.

In this connection I will not overlook my praise for the successful steps and important work which the holy Jerusalem Committee — headed by his Majesty King Hassan II — managed to achieve, and which made a positive and fruitful contribution in explaining the dimensions of the issue of holy Jerusalem and in focusing world interest on the issue in various international forums.

Brothers, Lebanon still suffers from Israeli occupation and from the fanning of hatred. Every effort must be made to secure an immediate Israeli withdrawal from Lebanese territory. We therefore appeal to the international community to take whatever measures are necessary to ensure the implementation of the UN resolutions on an unconditional Israeli withdrawal from all Lebanese territory, which would safeguard the independence, sovereignty and the integrity of the national soil of Lebanon.

In this connection we appeal to the Lebanese brothers to implement national reconciliation. We also look with optimism to what the conference of Lebanese national dialogue can accomplish and to the resumption of its work to find a basic solution to the problem, a solution that will ensure the independence, sovereignty, and integrity of the soil of Lebanon.

Brothers, it fills us with sorrow to see that despite Islamic and international efforts and mediation to end the war beween the fraternal Iraq and Iran, this war is continuing, thus constituting a source of danger to the world in general, and to the Islamic world in particular. We look with satisfaction to the response of Iraq, with all its peace efforts. We look forward with hope that Muslim Iran will respond to these efforts in order to save the blood of Muslim brothers and preserve their potential and abilities.

Brothers, the Soviet occupation of Islamic Afghanistan has beenprolonged. Nevertheless, hope for its termination increases with the increase of the struggle by the Afghan people, whose steadfastness has become a rock up upon which the waves of aggression break.

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Participants at the Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) summit in Casablanca will send a delegation to Egypt officially inviting it to attend the conference, INA reported on 18 January. Pakistani President Mohammad Ziaul Haq submitted a draft resolution calling for Egypt's readmission to the ICO, INA said, and Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Toure supported the move. However, several Arab delegations opposed the proposal, according to a "high-ranking" participant cited by AFP. A "hot exchange" took place in the closed session between Sekou Toure and the Syrian and Libyan delegation leaders, KUNA reported, with the Guinean president asking "where the Arabs were" when Palestinians were being killed in northern Lebanon.

Meanwhile, PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat held meetings with Iraqi Revolution Command Council Chairman 'Izzat Ibrahim, Bahraini Amir Shaykh 'Isa ibn Salman Al Khalifah, Turkish President Kenan Evren, and YAR President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih, INA, WAKH, and Ankara and San'a' radios reported. A "responsible" source in Casablanca, cited by KUNA, denied 'Arafat had met with Syrian Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam.

In his address to the summit, Jordan's Crown Prince Hasan said that meetings between the PLO and Jordan have been necessary to combat the dangers threatening them both, Amman radio reported. Hasan also stressed that "Egypt must not remain outside the Arab and Islamic world."

In a related development, "Palestinian resistance factions" sent a memorandum to the conference condemning attempts to restore "the Camp David regime" to the ICO and rejecting any agreement between 'Arafat and either Egyptian or Jordanian officials, Damascus radio announced.

Lebanon

The president of the American University of Beirut, Dr Malcolm Kerr, was killed on 18 January when he was shot while entering his office, Beirut radio announced. The Islamic Jihad has claimed responsibility for both Kerr's assassination and the earlier kidnapping of the Saudi consul in Beirut, according to AFP.

A Saudi official source cited by SPA stressed that "such terrorist methods" as the kidnapping, "whatever the identity and affiliation of the perpetrators," will not change the Kingdom's policies.

Voice of Lebanon radio and the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon cited reports that the kidnappers are Shi'ite fundamentalists.

PLO Affairs

'Abd al-Fattah Ghanim, a member of the Political Bureau of the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF), carried out a "dissident" movement against the PLF by leading an armed group in seizing the PLF offices in Damascus and arresting PLF Secretary General Tal'at Ya'qub, Baghdad Voice of PLO radio reported. PLF Political Bureau member 'Ali Ishaq said the move was aimed at forcing the PLF leaders in Damascus to support the "Syrian-Libyan dissident movement, which has reached a dead end," according to the radio. On the other hand, SANA reported that 'Abd al-Fattah Ghanim "refuted" reports of Ya'qub's arrest and affirmed that the PLF leader is continuing work as usual in the wake of the PLF's plan to expel a "deviating clique" from its ranks. He said that those expelled are four members of the PLF Political Bureau: Muhammad Zaydan, 'Ali Ishaq, 'Umar Shibli, and Khalil 'Abd ar-Rahman, according to Radio Monte Carlo. Meanwhile, the PFLP and DFLP denounced the reported abduction in a statement which condemned the seizure of offices and persons and called on the PLF leaders to resolve their differences through "democratic dialogue," the radio noted.

Iran

Majlis Speaker 'Ali Abkar Hashemi-Rafsanjani received a message from the Supreme Soviet via the Soviet ambassador calling for Soviet-Iranian cooperation in the struggle against "world imperialism and U.S. acts of aggression," Tehran radio reported. Hashemi-Rafsanjani welcomed the idea of joint anti-imperialist struggle but said Iran expects the Soviet Union not to provide Iraq with missiles for use against Iranian civilians. The ambassador noted that the Soviet Government has cause to "remonstrate" with Iran because of the latter's "propaganda" campaign against the USSR, the radio said, but the Majlis speaker told the ambassador Iran would not have reacted against were it not for the USSR's "unprincipled attitude."

Earlier, in a speech to military officials reported by the radio, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said the Revolution Guard Corps has now reached a "suitable" point to embark on operations against the Iraqis similar to those launched to defend Dezful and Abadan in the early phase of the war. However, such operations will have "much better results" than the earlier ones on Iranian territory, he added, and Iran's military potential has greatly improved.

Afghanistan

An unspecified number of senior Afghan civilian and military officials have defected to Pakistan, Karachi radio reported. In another report, the radio noted the capture of about 20 Soviet soldiers by Afghan mujahidin in two separate raids earlier this month.

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Islamic Summit

Muslim leaders participating in the Fourth Summit of the Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) in Casablanca have agreed to Egypt's return to the ICO, WAKH reported, despite "strong opposition" from Syria, Libya, Algeria, and Tunisia noted by KUNA. In closed-session debates, PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat argued in favor of Egypt's readmittance, as did Iraqi Revolution Command Council Vice Chairman 'Izzat Ibrahim, AFP and INA reported. In his speech to the summit, Ibrahim said the "Arabs cannot liberate an inch except with the return of Egypt," INA added.

Libyan Staff Major 'Abd as-Salam Jallud in his speech referred to the Guinean president's proposal to readmit Egypt as "a bomb that will blow up the Arabs," Tripoli radio stated. Jallud said Egypt is "now playing the role of the policeman in place of the shah of Iran" and accused it of trying to "Arabize" the Camp David agreement. Foreign Minister Beji Caid es-Sebsi said that although Tunisia would like to see Egypt regain its position within the ICO, it "might not be appropriate" to raise this issue under present circumstances as the reasons for its suspension still remain, Tunis radio reported.

In a related development, "sources" in Casablanca denied that a delegation had left for Iran with the purpose of inviting it to the summit, KUNA reported, although the invitation to participate still applies.

Meetings continued along the sidelines of the summit, with Baghdad Voice of PLO radio citing separate contacts between Yasir 'Arafat and UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, ICO Secretary General Habib Chatti, and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz. According to SANA, Syrian Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam denied holding any meetings with 'Arafat, while Amman radio reported individual discussions between Jordanian Crown Prince Hasan and 'Arafat and 'Izzat Ibrahim.

Lebanon

Voice of Lebanon radio reported that the Saudi consul is being held captive by the Islamic Jihad in the southern suburb of Beirut. Shi'ite extremists have prevented moderates from approaching the building and are being supported and directed by a "foreign intelligence service" which has officers in the area, the radio charged. The radio also linked the envoy's kidapping with the recent arrival in West Beirut of a terrorist nicknamed "Kissinger."

Iran-Iraq War

One of two Iranian aircraft raiding a residential area in As-Sulaymaniyah was shot down in a dogfight with Iraqi warplanes, which all returned safely to base, Iraq announced in a communique broadcast by Baghdad radio. Two children were killed and 18 civilians were wounded in the Iranian raid, the communique stated.

However, in a statement broadcast by Tehran Radio, Iran's military command asserted that all Iranian planes returned safely to base after bombing and partially destroying the Iraqi military base at Kalaleh. Iraq's claim that the raid was directed against civilian targets may be designed to justify an imminent Iraqi attack on Iranian civilian areas, IRNA noted in a related report.

Iran

Three Iranian "patriots" were killed in an armed clash with revolution guards in Tehran on 16 January, the clandestine Radio Iran reported.

Israel

Although the convening of the Jordanian Parliament might have led Jordan along the "positive course" of advancing toward negotiations with Israel, Jordan opted not to follow such a course and, to Israel's regret, there are signs pointing in the "opposite direction," Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir told the Knesset in remarks broadcast by Jerusalem radio. Shamir advised Jordan to "dissociate" itself from the Rabat and Fes summit resolutions and declare its willingness to join the peace process on the basis of the Camp David accords. Shamir also reaffirmed Israel's willingness to negotiate with Jordan but said the latter must choose between negotiations with Israel and with the "terrorists."

Jordan

The House of Representatives elected seven deputies to fill the vacant West Bank seats and its speaker, 'Akif al-Fayiz, subsequently revealed that elections for the vacant East Bank seats will be held within the next 2 months, Amman radio reported.

Sudan-Ethiopia

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Islamic Summit

Libya's delegate to the Fourth Summit of the Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) in Casablanca, Staff Major 'Abd as-Salam Jallud, walked out of the final session to protest the decision to readmit Egypt to the ICO, KUNA reported. The Syrian delegation, led by Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, and the PDRY delegation, led by Foreign Minister 'Abd al-'Aziz ad-Dali, also missed the session, KUNA noted. The adoption of the "conditional resolution" on Egypt's return, KUNA said, resulted from a secret ballot proposed by Guinean President Sekou Toure after a consensus on the issue seemed "unreachable." According to KUNA, 32 states voted for the resolution with 3 countries opposed and 6 abstentions. Syria, Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, and Upper Volta abstained from voting, INA noted.

In the final statement of the ICO summit, broadcast by Rabat radio, the conference "invited the Arab Republic of Egypt to resume its membership" in the ICO without referring to any qualifying conditions. However, sources cited by KUNA said that Egypt's readmittance was "conditional on Cairo's acceptance of and adherence to all ICO resolutions concerning the question of Palestine." In earlier remarks cited by KUNA, Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butrus Ghali was quoted by Radio France International as rejecting the "very principle" of conditional reintegration into the ICO. "They either accept us as we are or it would be useless for us to take part in the activities of the organization," Ghali said. In a brief report on the summit decision, which made no mention of conditions, MENA reported the call for Egypt "to return to the ICO," giving the vote as 32 in favor and 10 abstentions.

Among those supporting Egypt's return were PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, who cited Egyptian help in the evacuation of his forces from northern Lebanon as "a breach of the Camp David accords," and Jordan's Crown Prince Hasan, KUNA and Amman radio reported.

Commenting to newsmen on his withdrawal from the summit, Jallud claimed that the entire summit proceedings were a "pro-United States exercise" and warned that anyone attempting to make the Arab world accept Camp David would "pay dearly," AFP reported.

In addition to approving the resolution regarding Egypt, the final statement delegated the election of a new ICO secretary general to the forthcoming conference of Islamic foreign ministers in San'a', postponed any decision on an international Islamic court of justice, and announced that the fifth ICO summit will be held in Kuwait.

In another development, IRNA denied "totally false" reports that an ICO delegation had arrived in Tehran. Such reports were faked by Western news agencies and their "loudspeakers," the Iranian agency affirmed.

Lebanon

Military/Security Situation — Planes of the 6th Fleet off the Lebanese coast have stepped up reconnaissance flights in order to prevent kamikaze attacks against U.S. warships, Jerusalem radio reported. Voice of Lebanon radio said a SAM-6 fired from the Sannin Heights at a reconnaissance mission over Lebanon did not hit any of the planes, which were reported to be either U.S. or Israeli. The IDF sustained casualties in a clash with gunmen in Sidon, Beirut radio reported, while "Red Knights" militiamen of the pro-Syrian Arab Democratic Party battled with members of the Syrian Social Nationalist Party in Halba, a town in the 'Akkar district north of Tripoli, according to the Voice of Lebanon.

Diplomacy — Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan discussed the security plan during a lengthy meeting on 18 January with Syrian Foreign Minister Khaddam in Casablanca, Beirut radio noted, while Foreign Minister Elie Salim flew to Paris and London for talks with presidential envoy Donald Rumsfeld and British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

PLO Affairs

France and the PLO have agreed that PLO Executive Committee Chairman 'Arafat will visit France in response to an invitation from the Socialist Party rather than at the invitation of the French Government in order to avoid causing President Francois Mitterrand political embarrassment, KUNA reported citing the London Arabic magazine *AT-TADAMUN*. QNA asserted that no agreement has been reached on the visit, which is unlikely at present despite France's good relations with the PLO. In another report, QNA revealed that 'Arafat will visit Baghdad next week to meet with Iraqi leaders and inspect Palestinian forces there.

In Damascus Palestine Liberation Front (PLF) Secretary General Tal'at Ya'qub was released by "Syrian intelligence" after a 3-day detention, according to Baghdad Voice of PLO radio. The PLF leader's release followed "an intensive denunciation campaign" by Palestinian circles against the "suspect coup attempt" led by PLF Political Bureau member 'Abd al-Fattah Ghanim, the radio contended.

Morocco

College students in the northeast coastal town of Nador demonstrated to protest increases in the prices of basic commodities, Madrid radio reported. The protests, which were suppressed by "tough measures," followed a recent demonstration in Al Hoceima in which five people died, the radio said. Paris radio subsequently confirmed that police have clashed with demonstrators in northern Morocco and also reported unrest in Rabat, but monitored Moroccan sources have not thus far mentioned any disturbances.

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Final Statement Read

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[Final statement of fourth Islamic summit conference as read by "rapporteur" during final session held in Casablanca 19 January — live]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful and compassionate.

At the kind invitation of His Majesty King Hassan II the monarch of the Kingdom of Morocco and in accordance with the resolution adopted at the third summit conference held at Mecca, the fourth Islamic summit conference convened in Casablanca, the Kingdom of Morocco, from 12 to 16 Rabi Thani 1404 of the Hegira, corresponding to 16 to 19 January 1984. The conference was attended by the kings, presidents, and princes and representatives of the Islamic countries, as well as a number of observers.

The conference was opened by King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, the chairman of the third Islamic summit conference, who delivered an important speech in which he thanked King Hassan II for the great welcome and hospitality his majesty has shown and his majesty's successful efforts in his capacity as chairman of the Jerusalem Committee and the Arab seven-member committee. His Majesty then reviewed what has been achieved during the past 3 years in bolstering common Islamic action in accordance with the historic Mecca statement.

His majesty pointed out that the world watches with interest the Islamic action and that through its solidarity the Islamic nation constitutes a force to be reckoned with in the international field. He pointed out that the responsibility of the Islamic countries at this conference was to review their work and seek to transform their decisions into tangible actions.

Upon the suggestion of His Majesty Kigh Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, the chairmanship of the fourth Islamic summit conference was entrusted to King Hassan II. After His Majesty King Hassan II assumed the chairmanship of the conference, he delivered a speech in which he pointed out that the religion of Islam stems from peace and safety and consequently the Islamic countries are countries of peace, fraternity, and amity. While such words as jihad and martyrdom are contained in the Koran and the teachings of the prophet, these works also contain such words as unity, love, loyalty, solidarity, and methods of coexistence among individuals and groups. His majesty cited God's words: Reply to the acts of the others in a good way and this will transform the enemy into a sincere friend.

UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar also spoke. He pointed out that the Charter of the Islamic Conference Organization [ICO], which is derived from the Islamic religion, provides for seeking peaceful solutions for international problems. He spoke of the UN efforts in dealing with issues and problems of interest to the Islamic world countries.

ICO Secretary General Habib Chatti also spoke. He pointed out that the issues before the conference were issues of destiny and that hopes are pinned on the summit conference to open a new chapter in the history of the Islamic nation.

The chairman of the conference announced that it was agreed to choose three vice chairmen: Turkish President Kenan Evren, Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, and the struggler Yasir 'Arafat, the PLO chairman.

During the closed sessions, a number of chief delegates spoke about the issues and problems that arouse the interest of the Islamic world, explaining the views of their countries toward them. Also during the closed sessions proposals were put forward for dealing with extremely important Islamic issues.

The conference listened with great interest to a statement from Burhauddin Rabbani, the representative of the Afghan strugglers.

The conference also heard with feelings of true fraternity the statement made by President Raouf Denktash, who explained the just cause of the Muslim Turkish Cypriots. The conference reaffirmed its past resolutions on the Cyprus question and expressed sympathy with and support for the efforts exerted by the Turkish Cypriots to secure an equal status with the Greek Cypriots and achieve their just rights.

The conference approved the agenda referred to it together with the general report on the preliminary meeting of the foreign ministers.

The conference studied the report of His Majesty King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, chairman of the third Islamic summit conference; the report of His Majesty King Hassan II, chairman of the Jerusalem Committee; the report of His Excellency President Ahmed Sekou Toure, chairman of the Islamic Peace Committee; the report of His Excellency President Ziaul Haq, chairman of the Permanent Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation; the report of His Excellency President Abdou Diouf, chairman of the Permanent Committee for Culture and Information; and the report of the chairman of Islamic Committee for Solidarity With the Countries of the African Sahel.

With regard to the report of His Majesty King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, chairman of the third Islamic summit conference, the conference expressed its extreme thanks and gratitude to his majesty for the efforts he has exerted and the accomplishments he has made in bolstering joint Islamic action and Islamic solidarity,and the unity of the Islamic nation during his chairmanship of the conference.

With regard to the report of His Majesty King Hassan II, chairman of the Jerusalem Committee, the conference expressed its extreme thanks and utmost appreciation to his majesty for the efforts and initiatives he has taken in defense of the causes of holy Jerusalem and Palestine and in explaining it. The conference decided to renew His Majesty King Hassan's chairmanship of the Jerusalem Committee for a further period of 3 years.

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Lebanon

Syria's view is that the "Phalangist authority's behavior" is complicating the situation in an attempt to avoid the "radical solutions" adopted at the Geneva conference "and which must continue through this conference," *TISHRIN* declared in an editorial reported by Damascus radio. Charging that the Lebanese Government intends to "shirk" its agreements with the National Salvation Front and the Amal Movement signed at the National Dialogue Conference, the paper said President Amin al-Jumayyil is attempting to implement the May 1983 agreement with Israel under "propitious" regional circumstances and with U.S. military support.

Coinciding with Syria's renewed criticism of the Al-Jumayyil regime, Radio Monte Carlo confirmed that Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Junblatt has called for Al-Jumayyil's resignation. In a written statement cited by the radio, Junblatt said the PSP will not participate with Al-Jumayyil in any government, under any formula. The PSP's Voice of Truth radio also broadcast an appeal by Junblatt to Druze fighters to confront the "new plot" and denounced the security plan as an attempt to "outflank, besiege, and expel" the PSP forces.

Commenting on Junblatt's hostility toward the security plan, a Western diplomatic source in Damascus told Radio Monte Carlo that the Druze leader retracted his agreement with the plan after being "surprised" by the Lebanese Government's decision to withhold promotions for Druze officers in Hammanah garrison.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Iraq has received SS-12 missiles mounted on mobile platforms from the Soviet Union, according to diplomatic sources in Baghdad cited by WAKH. The missiles can reach targets deep inside Iran including Khark Island, which will be a prime target if Iraq carries out its threat to use "sophisticated" weapons to counter any new Iranian offensive, the sources said. Meanwhile, the Greek Ministry of Merchant Marine urged Greek shipowners to keep their ships away from military operations zones in the Gulf, Athens radio reported.

Iran

The Supreme Judicial Council, in a statement broadcast by Tehran radio, announced its acceptance of Revolution Prosecutor General Hoseyn Musavi-Tabrizi's resignation and said it has notified the state prosecutor general to arrange the "transfer and reorganization" of the revolution prosecutor general's office.

Israel

In preliminary talks with FRG Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Jerusalem on 24 January, Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir expressed Israel's "firm opposition" to the sale of arms to Saudi Arabia, warning the German leader that Saudi Arabia "is not the moderate state that people in Europe believe it is," Jerusalem radio reported. Shamir asserted that any arms supplied to Saudi Arabia will be used against Israel "directly or indirectly."

PLO Affairs

The PLO Executive Committee and Fatah Central Committee will hold a series of meetings in Tunis shortly to make preliminary arrangements for Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat's visit to Jordan, which will begin on 28 January, Tunis radio reported citing a Palestinian source. The meetings will start after 'Arafat returns from his current Visit to Senegal, the source disclosed.

Inter-Arab Affairs

The Arab Parliamentary Union currently meeting in San'a' will include in its deliberations a "controversial" Sudanese proposal to reinstate Egypt in the union, KUNA reported. In another development, an Iraqi delegation led by First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yasin Ramadan arrived in Amman on 25 January for talks with King Husayn and other ranking officials, Amman radio reported.

Maghreb Affairs

Tunisian Opposition Statement — The Movement of Social Democrats has called on President Habib Bourguiba to "abandon" the chairmanship of the ruling party and to "separate the organs of the state from the structure of the party," KUNA reported. The movement's statement also called for dissolution of the National Assembly, "free elections as soon as possible with the participation of all active forces," the lifting of the state of emergency, the release of all political prisoners, and the return of exiled nationalists. The movement rejected the committee established by Bourguiba to investigate the causes for the recent riots, calling instead for a national committee "representing all political and social trends," KUNA added.

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Inter-Arab Affairs

Egyptian President Husni Mubarak, in a speech broadcast by Cairo radio, expressed appreciation for support received at the recent ICO summit in Casablanca. Egypt belongs to the large Islamic family, Mubarak affirmed, and has long been "in the forefront" of the Islamic movement. It will continue to be a driving force for Islamic unity and will "always remain committed to supporting all Islamic causes." Egyptian patriotism is "no longer a local and narrow concept that disregards strategic and geographical realities," he added, but now adopts the "pan-Arab concept" since Egypt is an integral part of the Arab nation.

Meanwhile, the committee established by the fourth ICO summit to discuss the resumption of Egypt's membership is expected in Cairo on 28 January, SPA reported.

In a related development, a Jordanian Information Ministry spokesman denied that Mubarak will meet with King Husayn in Amman, Radio Monte Carlo announced, although Jordan "in principle" welcomes any meeting among Arab leaders. The same source also denied reports about an upcoming summit in Amman among King Husayn, Mubarak, Iraqi President Saddam Husayn, and PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat.

Official Jordanian-Iraqi talks on relations were held in Amman between a delegation led by First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yasin Ramadan and high-ranking Jordanian officials, Amman Television reported. In a separate meeting with King Husayn, the Iraqi official relayed a message from Saddam Husayn and discussed the war with Iran, Amman radio added. Ramadan, speaking to INA on his return to Baghdad, expressed satisfaction with his talks, noting the king's reaffirmation of support for Iraq in its war against Iran.

Syria

Tension between Syria and the United States has grown worse in recent days despite the "relative improvement" in relations after Syria's release of the captured U.S. pilot, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Faruq ash-Shar' said in an interview with the London *FINANCIAL TIMES* reported by Radio Monte Carlo. Syria is not causing this exacerbation in relations and does not know why it is happening, he said. As for inter-Arab affairs, Syria has no objection in principle to participating in an Arab summit attended by King Husayn and Yasir 'Arafat, but problems about the Palestinian representation will "inevitably arise" because of 'Arafat's decision to "play the role that Anwar as-Sadat assumed."

Saudi Arabia

When Saudi Arabia's new French-built "Ash-Shahin" antiaircraft missiles replace the Crotale system in a "few months," the Kingdom's airspace will be protected from low altitudes to a height of 70,000 feet, Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan announced in remarks on Riyadh radio.

Israel

Knesset — Motions of no confidence in the government were defeated in the Knesset by 62 to 56 votes, Jerusalem radio reported. The TAMI faction voted with the government after the latter agreed to some of TAMI's economic demands, the radio noted.

Kohl Visit — Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir held talks with FRG Chancellor Helmut Kohl which were "in perfect harmony despite existing differences of opinion," DPA reported.

West Bank — The cut in the Zionist Organization's Settle-ments Department budget will prevent the establishment of 11 new settlements planned for "Judaea and Samaria" in the coming fiscal year, according to IDF Radio. Meanwhile, in an interview with Jerusalem radio, Defense Minister Moshe Arens said that "ultimately" he favors the application of Israeli law to "Judaea and Samaria." Israel's security calls for ruling the area and this will be the situation in the "very long run," Arens affirmed.

U.S. Arms for Jordan — Israel regards the proposed sale of U.S. Stinger antiaircraft missiles to Jordan as a "threat," Jerusalem radio reported.

Chad

A French Jaguar was shot down over Chad when French planes were fired upon by a motorized force which had crossed into southern Chad and captured 12 Chadians and 2 members of the Doctors Without Frontiers organization, French Defense Minister Charles Hernu disclosed in a statement broadcast by Paris radio. After locating the column and coming under SAM fire, the French planes destroyed several of the vehicles, which were Libyan, Hernu stated. However, JANA denied the "totally unfounded" French reports that Libyan troops are in Chad and cited the clandestine Radio Bardai's claim that forces of Goukouni Oueddei's "legitimate unity government" had downed two French Jaguars.

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Egypt has accepted the ICO call to resume its membership, President Husni Mubarak announced in remarks reported by MENA after meeting with a visiting ICO delegation headed by Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Toure. While Egypt is committed to the ICO "framework" and charter, and is performing its duty toward Islamic issues and honoring its commitments, he said, "there is absolutely nothing in this that harms its sovereignty." Former Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil, in an interview with IDF Radio, said Mubarak's remarks mean that Egypt is rejoining unconditionally and without contradicting its treaty obligations to Israel.

PLO

Khalid al-Hasan, member of the Fatah Central Committee, denied reports of "deep disagreements" between PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat and other members of the Fatah Central Committee over the results of the ICO summit in Casablanca and 'Arafat's recent African tour, KUNA reported. According to reports obtained by KUNA, some Fatah Central Committee members had accused 'Arafat of returning to "unilaterally making decisions" by not informing his colleagues in advance of his intention to undertake the tour.

Meanwhile, 'Arafat arrived in Rabat on 30 January, SPA announced. He is to discuss the resumption of Egypt's ICO membership with King Hassan and Sekou Toure, KUNA added.

In a separate development, the Libyan People's Bureau in Madrid has received "definite and reliable" information that "elements belonging to the 'Arafat group" are going to assassinate the secretary of the Bureau and secretary of the JANA office in Madrid, according to Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio.

Lebanon

Casualties — A U.S. Marine died of wounds received in fighting around Beirut airport on 30 January, Beirut radio reported. The clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio accused the Marines of "indiscriminate" shelling of the southern suburbs in which 1 person was killed and at least 15 others were wounded, including a number of children.

Earlier, the clandestine Voice of Truth radio claimed that Phalangist military commander Fadi Afram was "seriously wounded" in an assassination attempt staged during a meeting of displaced Christians from Dayr al-Qamar.

Lebanese-Syrian Summit — President Amin al-Jumayyil will meet with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad "very soon" to discuss the Lebanese crisis, Jidda radio reported citing WAKH.

Libya

Al-Qadhdhafi Interview — Libya has tried to convince GUNT President Goukouni Oueddei not to attack the French forces in Chad, but "at present we cannot control him" and "neither can we convince him not to attack the French forces," Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi stated in an interview with Paris radio. While admitting that Libyan advisers are training Goukouni's forces, Al-Qadhdhafi said Libyan troops will not fight French forces unless Libya acquiesces in Goukouni's request to send in troops to "balance" French support for Chadian President Hissein Habre's forces. He denied that a Libyan SAM-7 was responsible for the recent downing of a French Jaguar in Chad and called for a peaceful solution involving "all parties, whether Libyan, French, or Chadian."On Arab affairs, Al-Qadhdhafi asserted that Egypt's return to the ICO depends on its renunciation of the Camp David accords. He also said that Yasir 'Arafat is free to come to Libya as a Palestinian citizen, "but we will receive him only in this capacity."

Coup Attempt — Some 27 officers and soldiers were executed after participating in an abortive coup attempt against Al-Qadhdhafi's regime on 29 December 1983, JNA reported citing the Paris magazine *AT-TALI'AH AL-'ARABIYAH*.

Israel

Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir, in a speech reported by Jerusalem radio, said the main obstacle to an agreement with Lebanon is the Syrian Government, which pursues an "intransigent and aggressive policy" toward Lebanon and Israel. A "strong posture" must be adopted in the face of Syria's "obstruction," the prime minister stated.

Jordan

Prime Minister Ahmad 'Ubaydat outlined the government's priorities in a policy statement delivered on 30 January and broadcast by Amman radio. Jordan does not regard the Palestine question as a "political card" or a "mere humanitarian issue" with which it sympathizes, the prime minister stated, but views it as "its primary fateful issue" on which it builds its existence, stability, and security.

Concerning Arab relations, the prime minister stressed his government's commitment to work for the "consolidation of Arab solidarity" and to call on "fraternal Arab countries" to adhere to dialogue, cooperation, and coordination. Every Arab country should work within the framework of the Arab League, 'Ubaydat added, and harmful "contradictory axes" and "fragmentation" among Arab nations should be removed. The Jordanian Government "welcomes the opening of doors for Egypt's return," the prime minister said, foiling the "enemy's" scheme to isolate Egypt from "its nation."

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